

WHAT IS CLAIMED

1. A protective device for protecting the hind legs of a horse, which comprises a rigid casing

a padded lining

retaining straps

this device being shaped to the rear part of the cannon and, when fastened in place, rising up to above the bend of the limb joint, the rigid casing bearing above the limb joint against which it rests.

2. A protective device according to Claim 1, wherein a lower end of the protection comprises an articulated part corresponding to the fetlock joint.

3. A protective device according to Claim 1, wherein a lower end of the protection comprises, towards the front, a widened part corresponding to a flare of the hoof.

4. A protective device according to Claim 2, wherein a lower end of the protection comprises, towards the front, a widened part corresponding to the flare of the hoof.

5. A protective device according to Claim 1, wherein the retaining straps that hold the protection on are secured by being fastened to each other.

6. A protective device according to Claim 1, wherein the casing is made of flexible plastic.

7. A protective device according to Claim 1, wherein the casing is made of fibre-reinforced polymer.

8. A protective device according to Claim 6, wherein the materials of which it is made maintain their properties in a temperature range of between -20 and +45°C.

9. A protective device according to Claim 7, wherein the materials of which it is made maintain their properties in a temperature range of between  $-20$  and  $+45^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

5 10. A protective device according to Claim 1, wherein the materials of which the rigid casing is made maintain their properties in a temperature range of between  $-20$  and  $+45^{\circ}\text{C}$ .